Statement

Details of Railway-wise level crossings manned during the last ten years.

Year	Numbers of unmanned level crossings manned
1992-1993	22
1993-1994	26
1994-1995	491
1995-1996	47
1996-1997	62
1997-1998	36
1998-1999	47
1999-2000	53
2000-2001	65
2001-2002	267

Jalandhar-Jammu Double Track

2605. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent Budget Session an announcement for construction of double track for Railways from Jalandhar to Jammu was made in the Railway Budget speech; and

(b) if so, the progress and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The proposal for doubling of this section was included in the Budget 1997-98 for which necessary clearances have recently been obtained. The final location survey has been taken up. An outlay of Rs. 19.21 crore has been provided for the work during the current financial year.

Reduction in Power Tariff for Railways

2606. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 412 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 2002 and state:

(a) the rate, per unit, charged by the NTPC and the States, for power supply to the Railways;

(b) whether the issue regarding reduction in power tariff has been examined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Details regarding the rate per unit charged by NTPC and the the State Electricity Boards/Power authorities for power supply to the Railways are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The issue regarding reduction in traction tariff has since been examined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs), which have been set up in 13 states. In 11 States, the Zonal Railways have approached SERCs. During 2001-2002, after successful presentations, reduction of 1% to 4% in tariff has been achieved in UP, Delhi, Maharashtra & Haryana. In Andhra Pradesh, there has been no increase in tariff. It has also been possible to limit the increase in two states i.e. Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh.

Statement

Average cost/unit charged by NTPC & various State Electricity Boards/Power supply authorities for the year 2001-2002 for traction purpose

S. No	Name of State Electricity Board's/ Power Supply Authorities	Average cost per Unit (*in Rs.*)
1.	Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation	4.33
2.	Bihar State Electricity Board	5.31
3.	Delhi Vidyut Board	3.89
4.	Gujarat State Electricity Board	5.10
5.	Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam	3.97
6.	Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd.	4.31
7.	Kerala State Electricity Board	1.86
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	4.21

S. No	Name of State Electricity Board's/ Power Supply Authorities	Average cost per Unit (in Rs.)
9.	Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board	4.76
10.	Grid Corporation of Orissa	4.14
11.	Punjab State Electricity Board	4.15
12.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	4.14
13.	Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	4.178
14.	Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.	4.44
15.	West Bengal State Electricity Board	3.63
16.	Chattisgarh State Electricity Board	5.25
17.	Jharkhand State Electricity Board	5.21
18.	TATA in Mumbai area	3.56
19.	Damodar Valley Corporation	3.62
20.	National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.	2.60
	GRAND TOTAL:	**4.27**

Production of 1st Class Coaches

2607. SHRI B.S. GANANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways would reconsider to commence production of 1st class coaches, which has been stopped; and

(b) whether attachement of atlest one 1st class coach would be convenient for patients, particularly those suffering from asthma, etc. to travel comfortably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Waiters and supervisory staff on trains

2608. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: